of neradi Dam on Bansadhara river if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the total acreage of land to be irrigated in both the States after he completion of the dam;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project and the share of each State towards the cost; and

(d) by when the construction work of that Dam is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa have agreed for taking up of Neradi Barrage Project. According to the project report submitted by Andhra Pradesh, the project is estimated to cost Rs. 276 crores, to provide an annual irrigation of 51,000 ha. in Andhra Pradesh. The completion of project depends on availability of funds. The detailed project report with regard to irrigation in Orissa has not been received.

Time limit for disposal of cases by Courts

*412. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to prescribe a maximum time limit within which cases filed in different courts must be finally decided; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is not practicable to impose time limits on the disposal of cases.

Laser finger printing system developed by Delhi Police

*413. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has developed a laser finger printing system; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the effectiveness of the system as compared to the old method;

(c) what is the cost per unit; and

(d) whether Government propose to instal the system in other parts of the country also?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Delhi Police has placed an order for import of Laser Finger Print System from U.S.A. through State Trading Corporation of India.

(b) The Laser Finger Print System can successfully develop latent prints, which normally cannot be developed with conventional methods.

(c) Rs. 9,68,665/- (Approx.)

(d) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.

Action plan for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

*414. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently prepared an action plan to deal with the terrorists in Punjab and fundamentalist elements in Jammu and Kashmir who pose a serious law and order problem;

(b) if so, what are the details of the said action plan;

(c) in what manner Government propose to implement the said action plan; and

(d) to what extent terrorism in Punjab and law and order problem in Jammu and Kashmir will be solved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) After reviewing the situation in Punjab, the Government had drawn up an Action Plan containing measures aimed at:

(i) Cutting-down the help received by terrorists from abroad;

(2) Improving the efficiency of the Police and Para-Military Forces in Punjab; and

(3) Political mobilisation and involvement of the people in the fight against terrorism.

These included:

(a) erection of barbed wire-fence along the vulnerable stretches of the border, flood-lighting, erection of wire-obstacles, improving, of jeep-track along the border, construction of more observation towers and introduction of sophisticated equipments to detect and check intruders.

(b) Revamping and strengthening of intelligence gathering machinery in Punjab and appointment of an IGP (Intelligence) for the purpose.

(c) Effective anti-smuggling measures and appointment of an officer of the rank of IGP, with special responsibility for operations against smugglers and border crossers, effective action under NSA/COFEPOSA against mafia type chiefs the smugglers and operations against Hawala operators and recipients of foreign exchange, who have been a source of finance from abroad to the terrorists in Punjab.

(d) Re-organisation and improvement of the Police Administration in the border districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Ferozepur by creating additional Police districts each under the charge of an SSP with specific tasks allotted to each of them.

(e) Setting up of Village Protection Force pickets, supported by suitable 'strike-force' in the villages in the effected districts, induction of ex-servicemen and the Home-Guards and also motivating the villagers to join these pickets. Necessary training and weapons are also being provided to them.

(f) Setting up of a mechinery for redressal of public grievances with specific responsibility assigned at each level and with an APEX body at the State level to monitor the redressal of public grievances.

(g) Setting up of Gram Aman and Vikas Sabhas in the Villages.

(h) Steps have also been taken to improve the contents of publicity programmes mounted by the Doordarshan with more thrust on Punjab's culture and Sikh histroy etc. and for explaining the policy and decisions of the Government to the people of Punjab and to disseminate correct information about the events in Punjab.

PLAN FOR JAMMU & KASHMIR

In the wake of distrubances in the later part of 1988, discussions were held with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and an action plan was prepared. *Inter alia* it seeks to tighten security and law and order matters, strengthen the administrative set-up and to launch necessary propaganda against the fundamentalist elements and their activities. It is primarily for the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to take action on it. It is, however, hoped that with increased vigilance and public cooperation the situation would be effectively contained.

Working group for economic development of Assam

@*414(A). SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a single-member Working Group for drawing up plans for economic development of Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

@Previously Starred Question 375, transferred from the 28th March, 1989.